

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

Claims 1-3, 5-9, 11, 24-26, 32, and 37 were previously pending.

Claims 1-9 and 11 are cancelled herein.

Claims 44-46 are added herein.

Claims 24-26, 32, 37, and 44-46 are therefore pending and under consideration.

Claims 24-26, 32, and 37 stand rejected.

Claims 24 and 37 are amended herein.

No new matter has been added.

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the in-person interview of May 8, 2008. Applicant discussed each independent claims and differences thereof over the art of record. Applicant agreed to cancel claim 1 in order to focus the application on other aspects of the invention. The Examiner agreed that the proposed amendments to claims 24 and 37 would overcome the rejections thereof. Furthermore, Applicant agreed to clarify that the user interface of claim 24 is for displaying windows of different applications.

Applicant would like to advise the Examiner that the stick key feature has been revised to clarify that a next key pressed deactivates the sticky key. That next key may or may not be the same key that is being logically "stuck".

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC § 102

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Claim 37 stands rejected as anticipated by Bear.

Claim 37 recites a keyboard with a plurality of keys. One or more sensors detect that the user has difficulty pressing multiple keys simultaneously, and the user is then prompted to enable sticky keys.

As agreed at the above-mentioned Interview, Bear does not meet claim 37's sticky keys features. The Examiner had previously interpreted "sticky keys" as literal physically sticking keys. Applicant has amended claim 37 to clarify what was previously the implicit meaning of "sticky keys". As agreed at the Interview, Bear does not discuss or suggest claim 37's stick keys.

Furthermore, Bear concerns only a single record button and does not contemplate multiple simultaneous key presses. Bear discusses a single record button on a keyboard. According to Bear, "[s]imple actuation of the record button is all that may be required for a user to enter audio or video" (para. [0016]). Bear is clear that there is a pressing action, and what happens depends on the timing/duration of the press (see para. [0017]).

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 24 stands rejected as anticipated by Ron.

Amended claim 24 recites detecting an anxiety level of the user has increased, and removing one or more user interface configuration options settable by the user. Ron detects anxiety but merely provides feedback to indicate same (sound, icons, etc.). Ron has no teaching or suggestion to simplify a user interface by removing configuration options thereof.

The amendments to claim 24 speak for themselves. As agreed at the above-mentioned Interview, Ron neither discusses nor suggests simplifying configurability of a user interface.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

The present application is in condition for allowance. A prompt action to such end is requested.

Should any fees be required in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0463.

If the Examiner believes a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,
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